list of projects for the year 2004-2005 under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). This project alongwith other priority projects of Assam was considered by the inter-ministerial Committee constituted for administration of NLCPR. The Committee did not recommend its retention. However, since it was a project on flash flood control, M/O DONER forwarded the same to the Ministry of Water Resources for consideration.

(c) and (d) The following schemes/projects relating to afforestation and anti-erosion measures have been taken up in and around Guwahati:

(1) Protection of Guwahati town from Sukleswarghat to Bharalumukh from erosion of river Brahmaputra at a cost of Rs. 2.30 crore under NLCPR.

(2) Protection of Guwahati town from Cachari Bazaar to D.C. Court from erosion of river Brahmaputra at a cost of Rs. 3.33 crore under NLCPR.

(3) Kamrup (East) Forest Development Agency project for afforestation at a cost of Rs. 1.17 crore under National Afforestation Program me Scheme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Autonomy to PSUs

† 1798. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES 3AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to grant autonomy to the Public Sector Undertakings and Institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith names of such undertakings/ institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have pledged to devolve full managerial and commercial autonomy to successful profit making Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) operating in a competitive environment. Various suggestions, including delegation of greater powers for investment, are being considered by the Government keeping in view the critical assessment of comparative strengths of the PSUs.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.